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1. Bracket the final words of the final sentence in paragraph 3 to read:

"[and economic sanctions and unilateral measures not in accordance with international law and the Charter of the United Nations]".

2. Insert the following new paragraphs after paragraph 28 and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

"29. Since the Summit, at its twenty-sixth session (December 1995), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) encouraged States to consider:

(a) When designing, imposing and reviewing economic sanctions, the possible negative impact of such sanctions on the humanitarian situation of the civilian population of a target State and also of third States which may be adversely affected by such measures;

(b) Assessing the short and long-term consequences of United Nations-approved economic sanctions on the most vulnerable, and monitoring these consequences where sanctions have been applied;

(c) Providing, including when subject to economic sanctions and to the extent of their available resources, relief for the most vulnerable groups within the civilian population, when required by international humanitarian law.

"30. At its twenty-sixth session, ICRC also called upon States to permit relief operations of a strictly humanitarian character for the benefit of the most vulnerable groups within the civilian population, when required by international humanitarian law.

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"31. At its twenty-sixth session, ICRC encouraged the Security Council, before applying economic sanctions, to take into account the needs of the civilian population and apply humanitarian exemptions, as appropriate. States welcomed the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 January 1999 on the work of the Sanctions Committee, in particular the paragraph relating to the humanitarian impact of sanctions."